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August 15, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Ms. Dortch:

When I heard about the proposed Comcast/ Time Warner Cable (TWC) transaction, my first thought was how quickly can this be completed? I proudly represent the 27th district of Missouri, an area that encompasses most of southern Kansas City. Our area receives excellent cable offerings from TWC, but I am delighted for the possible opportunity to partner with Comcast on education and youth development efforts in my community. I have seen the true value that Comcast brings to the communities they already serve in Missouri and I am eager for my constituents to have similar access to Comcast's impressive roster of impact programs.

In Kansas City, like so many other cities across the country, the digital divide between the privileged and the underprivileged has steadily increased over the last few years. Our more affluent neighborhoods have modern technology classrooms and nearly 100% broadband access in homes. The less fortunate, including my community in South Kansas City, continue to lag behind with schools that struggle for basic resources and families that cannot afford a computer or internet subscription. Given the opportunities that broadband access offers to students and families, the digital divide is unacceptable as a matter of public policy to all our residents.

I'm at the beginning of my public service career, but I have already come to the conclusion that tackling such an important goal like the digital divide will require the creativity and generosity of the private sector combined with the leadership and resources of the public sector. Comcast came to the same conclusion in 2011 when it

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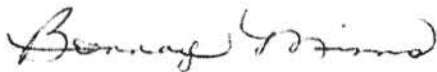
began to develop a program in conjunction with major US cities to make a significant impact in low-income schools and communities. The Internet Essentials program provides low-cost broadband service, full-service computers for under \$150 and options for free digital literacy training in local community centers and schools. The program is currently offered to families in Comcast service areas with children who are eligible for free or reduced-price school lunches. Thousands of families in my community would qualify if Comcast were to serve South Kansas City.

My first interaction with Comcast occurred earlier this year, when I sat for an interview to discuss the challenges facing urban education for their Newsmakers program. During the program, we discussed the changing needs of students and the commendable efforts of our teachers and families who work hard to meet the needs of our youth in the face of budget cuts and economic insecurity. It is admirable that a company would take the time to engage with community leaders and activists in order to determine the best way they can be of assistance.

When Comcast comes to the neighborhood, they bring a commitment to improving the lives in the communities they serve. It is in the best interest of the South Kansas City community for the FCC to vote in favor of the proposed Comcast/TWC transaction as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bonny V. Mims".

Bonnaye V. Mims
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